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San Jose, California
September 28, 2004Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM FOR
PRIORITY UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)

Dear Sir:

In order to correct a defect in the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section of the specification of the above-identified application, Applicants file this petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3). The specification has been amended in a response dated September 28, 2004 to an Office Action as follows:

This application is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/812,285, now U.S. Patent No. 6,428,859, 09/812,352, now abandoned, and 09/812,486, now U.S. Patent No. 6,416,822, all filed March 19, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference. This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/251,795, filed December 6, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/254,280, filed December 6, 2000 and U.S. Utility Application Nos. 09/812,285, 09/812,352, and 09/812,486, all filed March 19, 2001.

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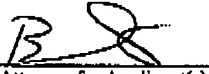
The identities of the related applications and the claim of benefit were included in the original application but the relationships (e.g., CIP) to the prior applications were not stated until the amendment. It is requested that this petition be granted to allow the amendment to the specification.

The fee of \$1,330.00 for this petition is authorized to be charged to a credit card as set forth in the accompanying transmittal letter.

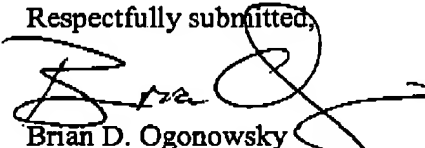
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 502226 any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502226.

The entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph 37 CFR 1.78 (a)(2) and (a)(5) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 382-0480 ext. 202.

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